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SUBJECT: MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO THE SAHEL

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1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON ACTING FONMIN ABDERRAHMAN BADDOU TO INFORM HIM OF TENTATIVE PLANNING FOR REST STOP IN MOROCCO DURING MISS LILLIAN'S TRIP. BADDOU MADE PERSONAL OBSERVATION THAT STOP WOULD BE WELCOMED BY ALL, INCLUDING PALACE, AND HE PROMISED TO CONTACT PALACE IMMEDIATELY TO ELICIT ANY THINKING FROM THAT QUARTER. HE MADE STRONG PERSONAL PLEA, HOWEVER, FOR SUBSTITUTION OF RABAT FOR CASABLANCA FOR LOGISTICAL REASONS. IN VIEW OF MISS LILLIAN'S DEEP INTEREST IN THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT, BADDOU THOUGHT LATE AFTERNOON TEA ON SUNDAY, JULY 23 WITH SMALL GROUP OF WOMEN LEADERS DESIRABLE, BUT UNDERLINED HE WOULD HAVE TO GET BACK TO US WITH ANY REACTION THE PALACE MIGHT HAVE.

2. WE AGREE THAT RABAT WOULD BE FAR BETTER FOR BOTH LOGISTICAL AND CULTURAL REASONS. WOULD THUS RECOMMEND THAT PLANNING BE CHANGED FOR REST STOP IN RABAT, WITH OUTSIDE CHANCE FOR DIVERSION TO FEZ. WITH REGARD TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS, WE WOULD ENVISION IN ADDITION TO ONE WOMEN-IN-DEVELOPMENT ORIENTED MEETING EARLY IN THE EVENING OF JULY 23, A QUIET DINNER WITH AMBASSADOR, PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR, AID DIRECTOR AND OTHERS FROM EMBASSY AND ANY BRIEFINGS MISS LILLIAN AND PARTY MIGHT WISH. ON MONDAY MORNING JULY 24, ONLY ACTIVITY FORESEEN WOULD BE BRIEF WREATH LAYING AT KING'S FATHER'S TOMB, A MUST FOR

ALL HIGH LEVEL VISITORS. THIS COULD BE DONE ON WAY TO AIRPORT, WHICH IS ONLY TEN MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN RABAT. ALL OF FOREGOING COULD, OF COURSE, BE MODIFIED SHOULD KING DECIDE TO INVOLVE HIMSELF.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE WHITE HOUSE'S REACTION TO THOUGHTS HEREIN. ALSO, PLEASE PROVIDE HOTEL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTY. ANDERSON

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